

Marshall Child Development Center

December Newsletter 2003



Playing today...learning
for tomorrow.

From the Director...!

Welcome December!

Upcoming Events:

December 2nd: Preschool A Field Trip to Publix

December 4th: Dollar Store (2's and up)

December 10th: 9:30am, practice for program,
Morris Auditorium

December 10th: Board Meeting, 11am

December 11th: Holiday Program, Morris
Auditorium 6:15pm

December 15th: Preschool A, Santa's Village
8:30am

December 17th: Preschool C, Santa's Village
8:30am

December 18th: Preschool B, Santa's Village
8:30am

December 19th: Classroom Parties, Book
Exchange 2:45pm

December 24th: Christmas Eve

December 25th: Center Closed, Christmas

December 31st: New Year's Eve

Coming Up:

January 1st: New Year's Day, Center Closed

Holiday Program

Our annual Holiday Program will be held this year on Thursday December 11th at 6:15pm in Morris Auditorium; which is located in building 4200. Practice for the program will be on Wednesday December 10th at 9:30am for our preschool children. Our two years old and up participate in this program, but everyone is encouraged to attend. It will certainly get you in the holiday spirit. The children participating are asked to arrive by 6:10pm. After the program concludes, we will be serving refreshments in the lobby. We look forward to seeing you there!

Dollar Store and Classroom Parties

The dollar store for the two's and up will be held on Thursday December 4th in the Multi-Purpose room. Cost per gift is \$2.00. Your child's teacher will have envelopes for you to write to whom your child will be buying for and to collect the money.

Classroom Holiday Parties will be held on Friday December 19th. Each child is asked to bring a wrapped book with the value being no more than \$5.00 to exchange with a classmate. There will be sign up sheets for refreshments in the individual classrooms.

Hello From Infant A

Lots of Holiday Fun this month is planned, but we'll be down to four little ones, (not exactly elves). We have to say goodbye to Lucy as she and her family move to the creeper room. We are sad to see her go but she will join her old pals, Dev and R'emy.

There's lots of Holiday cheer in Infant A with Hannah, Tyler and Faith having group chatter sessions and Roll-a-Thons. Grant stands in the exerciser and oversees these group parties. The best of Holiday wishes to all our Infant A Families.

Ms. Lisa and Ms. Donna

The Little Rascals

Thanks to all who participated by bringing dishes and coming to our Turkey Day luncheon it was fun.

Mrs. Janice and Mrs. d'Gail have been making a list and checking it twice.

All our babies have been nothing but sweet and good; Santa and his elves will be stopping by their house on Christmas Eve. We have two little elves leaving the elf assembly line, Kai and T. J., they put in many busy days. We will miss them. They are going to the Creeper room to play with new friends and toys. We now have left, Emilee our head elf. She talks, dances and shakes her head no to things that aren't going right on the elf assembly line. Welcome to James and his family. He is our new elf on the block. He is the toy tester. He stands on them and pulls to make sure they are sturdy. Our little elf T. J. sleeps on the assembly line. When he's not asleep, he talks and throws in a few smiles at his fellow elves. Our youngest elf, Casey, is the elf in waiting. She hasn't joined the assembly line yet. This month we will be singing Christmas songs, finger plays and reading Christmas stories. We have a month full of Christmas joy. Have a Merry Christmas. Mrs. Janice and Mrs. d'Gail

Jamin Babies

We are the Creepers in the Neighborhood. We walk and creep about all day. Greetings from the creeper room, we hope that everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving luncheon. The food was scrumptious; the company was great, thanks parents. We ate and ate; there was not an empty tummy in the place. In the Creeper room we are dancing and moving. Speaking of moving we have lost a few of our little charges as well, and there are a couple more banging at the door to follow them. Aiden and J.D. are now in the Toddler Room (we will miss you). They are doing great. Collin and Chloe are trying to get out of the door to follow them. Not far behind are Meryl and R'emy taking steps and

Dev and Lucy are our crawlers. Lucy is one of our new creepers, just moved up from the Infant room. She pulls up on everything. It won't be long before they are walking too. Parents please be sure to sign your child in and out each day. It is important and also a great help to us. Well, we are signing off for now. Have a very Merry Christmas and stay safe.

Mrs. Freda, Ms. Nedra, and Mrs. Yvonne

Hello from the Busy Bees (Toddler A)

Happy Holidays! There are several changes to our hive this month. Matthew is moving up to the 2's class. We will miss Matthew but he is ready to be a big boy! J.D. and Aiden are our newest little bees from the Creeper Room. Welcome boys! Chloe will be joining you very soon. Welcome also to Brianna, whose first day is Dec. 1st. Thank you to all of our parents who ate with us at the Thanksgiving Luncheon. We appreciate your involvement. A special thanks to Todd and Kathleen for all their help. In December we'll be using the colors red and green. We will be talking about trees and snowflakes. The Holiday Program (for the older children) is Dec. 11 and our class Holiday Party will be Dec. 19th. The MCDC will be closed Dec. 25th for Christmas Day. We are looking forward to another great month with our Busy Bees. Thank you to all of our parents for their help during the past year. You are a great help and we appreciate you all.

Mrs. Sybil and Ms. Wendy

Tumbling Turtles (Toddler B)

Seasons Greetings from the Tumbling Turtles. As you know the weather has become very cold. We would like to remind you to bring warm clothing for your child.

We would like to give a Tumbling Turtle thank you for all the help with the Cake Walk and also the Thanksgiving Lunch.

December is already here and more dates to remember, December 11th, the Christmas program for the older children, December 19th class party. We will put a sign up sheet for snacks for the Party.

We will be learning about the colors red, green, remembering to say thank you and giving.

Remember Tumbling into a new day that's how the Turtles start to play.

Ms. Gail and Ms. Cathy

Mischievous Monkey's

Happy December to you! This month is filled with fun, excitement, and busyness. The first item is the dollar store on December 4th. The children go Christmas shopping in the Multi-purpose room for \$2.00 a gift. The next item is on December 11th. The children will get to perform that night at 6:15pm in our annual Holiday Program. It will be held at Morris Auditorium in building 4200. Your child should wear comfortable shoes and the sweatshirt (red or white) that they made in class. They will also wear Santa hats that have their name on them during the program. These are to take home after the program. The children are really enjoying the songs and as always should put on a great show. Things are going very smoothly in our classroom. The newest children are adapting very well to their new surroundings. We would like you to keep in mind that we are looking for extra clothing and shoes for the children to wear if they have an accident and do not have any spare clothes in their cubbies. We are also in need of bigger clothes to use for dress up. If you would like to donate any of these items, it would be greatly appreciated and is tax deductible. Sandra and I wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday!

Sandra and Melody

Hello from the Roaring Rockets (2B)

Well November has come and gone. The Fall Festival and Thanksgiving lunch was great.

Thanks to all for your participation.

Christmas is just around the corner and we have a lot going on. The Christmas program is set for

December the 11th at Morris Auditorium.

Please have your child there by 6:10. We need to be ready

to go at 6:15. Also the class party will be December 19th starting at 2:45. Your child will need to bring a Golden Book to exchange with a friend. There will be a list for things we will need for the

Party posted closer to the date.

We have two new friends to join our new little family. Welcome Matthew and Darius.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Mrs. Ann and Mrs. Donna

Discoverers

It is hard to believe that it is already time for jingling bells, twinkling trees and making special holiday memories again.

We are excited to welcome Isabell and her family to our class!

We had a lot of fun in November. We talked about harvest, fruits/vegetables, turkeys, and Thanksgiving. We had a great trip to Early Works. We also had lots of good food and good company at the Thanksgiving lunch. December will be exciting and full of learning opportunities for our Discoverers. We will be talking about shoes/boots, hot chocolate, holiday traditions in America and around the world, and

hibernation /migration. We will be reading Mr. Willowby's Christmas Tree and in art area we will be focusing on sequencing. Oh what a busy month we will have! We will be holding

parent teacher conferences the first week of the month. Remember our holiday program on 12/11 at 6:15. We hope you are practicing our songs at home! We have a field trip to Santa's Village on 12/17. We would love for you to join us! Please be sure to read our daily news, it will keep you informed of what is happening in our classroom! We want to extend a huge THANK YOU to Pat. She bought and sewed our snowman fabric to our shirts for the program! We appreciate her hard work! Have a wonderful December and Happy Holiday!

Mrs. Kelli and Mrs. Gouri

Teddy Bear News

Happy Holidays!

December is such a festive time of the year, filled with bright colored lights and decoration. Not to mention many different holidays and oh so many traditions. It's a time of season scents of evergreen and pine, sweet smell of sugar cookies through out the house, home projects and special recipes to share. Relatives come to visit and family's travel to be with loved ones.

This month will be especially exciting to the children. Some of them will get to know Santa for the first time. Some of our activities planned around this will be so exciting to them because they are such "wonderful believers ". We hope you share some of your traditions with us. Some thing that is unique to your family at this time of the year. Some of the activities we have planned are reading Holiday and winter stories, lots of projects and crafts from around the world as they to celebrate this special season.

You can continue your child learning fun at home by helping your child make holiday traditions, lots of holiday reading, let them help you wrap presents.

DON'T FORGET YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO COME AND SHARE with us what ever inspired you! Read a book, sing a

song tell us a story of some of your Christmas traditions, cook or just come to eat.

Ms. Sharron and Mrs. Whitney

News from the Hoppers

Dear Parents,

We had a great November and we would like to thank all of you for your participation. We had some great Native American items that were shared as well as a wonderful array of foods brought for the kids to taste. They were all game to try some new foods. We were very proud of them.

For the month of December we have a full calendar of events. We are going to be very busy in our home living area where we will be creating a Toy Factory. We will be decorating our room and making a lot of cute items for here and for home.

Our weekly themes for the month are Seasons, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Christmas and various holiday celebrations around the world. We will be spending time getting ready for the Holiday Program, which will be held Tuesday, December 11th, at Morris Auditorium in Bldg. 4200. Our class will be doing 3 songs, and an active song (with costumes), a song with bells and Silent night in sign language. We would like to have the children wear white shirts and black, navy or any dark colored pants or skirts.

The annual Dollar Store will be Thursday the 4th. The children are allowed to purchase gifts for family. The cost is \$2.00 per gift. Our class will be going to Santa's Village in Constitution Hall Park on Monday, December 15th. Details for this field trip will be posted later.

We will have our Holiday Party Friday, December 19th. The children will be allowed to exchange gift-wrapped books! The cost for the books should not exceed \$5.00 and be suitable for boy or girl. The sign-up list for the party refreshments will be posted in advance.

The letters for this month are R, N, and U.
Our artist of the month is Ansel Adams and
the children's authors are Chris Van Allsburg
(The Polar Express) and Mac Brown (Arthur
books).

As you can see we are going to have a very
full, busy but fun month.

Mrs. Jennifer and Mrs. Betty